

S. D. BERMAN LAID TO REST

The community was saddened last week when it learned of the untimely, and unexpected death in Boston of one of Water Street's most prominent merchants, Samuel D. Berman, 60. Mr. Berman was in Boston when overtaken with his fatal heart attack on January 8. Funeral services were conducted in Brewer on January 10th., with Rabbi Zucker officiating. Pallbearers were Arthur Unobskey, Abraham Levy, William Eddels, Morris Holland and Samuel Silverman.

Samuel David Berman was born in that part of Russia that is now Lithuania, on February 15, 1886, to the late Moses Berman and Helen (Gordon) Berman. When he was about thirty five years of age Mr. Berman settled in Eastport and has been closely identified with its affairs ever since. Before coming here Mr. Berman had worked in New York City, immediately after coming to this country from his native land, and just before moving to Eastport he had worked briefly in Bangor.

Sam Berman started his Eastport business career at the corner of Washington and Water Street, and as his business expanded he moved across the street to the building now occupied by H. J. Beckett, Jr.'s shop. Still later he moved to the corner of Boynton and Water streets, and occupied the building that now houses the J. J. Newberry store.

Mr. Berman was one of the pioneers in modernization of Water Street business blocks, and the modern three store block now occupied by Berman's stores is a tribute to his willingness to break away from the tradition of frame buildings for business blocks.

Mr. Berman was always a ready contributor to charitable organizations, and was known for his friendly disposition and cheerful nature.

A member of the Eastport Chamber of Commerce, Odd Fellows and the Calais Jewish Synagogue, Mr. Berman took an active interest in the affairs of these organizations.

Mr. Berman had gone to Boston on one of his periodic business trips when he suffered his heart attack, and death came before his wife could reach his bedside.

He was married on March 18, 1919 to Ruth Wolff, and besides his widow he is survived by two children, Morton Berman and Mrs. Nathan Cohen, both of Eastport,